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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Alan C. Nelson  
Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I am enclosing a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics for your personal review. The Plan is based on the conclusions and recommendations of the narcotics intelligence community and was developed under the general auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics. Its essential purpose is to provide broad intelligence collection guidance for the Intelligence Community consistent with my duties and responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council as detailed in Executive Order 12333.

The Plan also provides advisory tasking of US Government organizations which are not part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP). As you know, INS has taken a strong interest in the Plan's development as have several other non-NFIP agencies such as the Drug Enforcement Administration, US Coast Guard, Customs, AID, USIA, and the State INM Bureau.

As the President's primary adviser on national foreign intelligence, I am particularly concerned that the collection of information on international narcotics activities receives the highest priority attention. In this regard, the coordination and participation of NFIP and non-NFIP elements in both the country-team narcotics collection effort of individual Missions and at the Washington level is of singular importance.

I am convinced that the the Immigration and Naturalization Service can provide a significant contribution to the overall effort against the narcotics target and am requesting you to provide a written description of INS' ability to respond to those collection objectives for which it has accepted responsibility.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that it is of the utmost importance to be able to assure responsible members of the Executive and Legislative

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Branches that the priority the President attaches to the narcotics issue has been communicated directly to both intelligence and non-intelligence elements of the US Government. The attached HUMINT collection study represents a concerted effort by the Intelligence Community to meet this objective. It will require, however, your strong support and active participation for its effective implementation. In this regard, I know I can count on your personal lead.

Sincerely,

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John N. McMahon  
Acting Director

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Enclosure:  
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